

I very strongly oppose the upcoming vote which will enact new rules that allow for more consolidation of ownership of our media landscape. These are public airwaves and should include a multi-faceted array of voices, opinions and programming. The new rules make it easier for large corporate entities to squeeze out the competition, and by extension, squelch opposing viewpoints and access to news. This makes it increasingly difficult for citizens across this country to have access to unfiltered, unbiased news free of private corporate agenda. It makes it hard to keep informed of the daily news around the world and in the community. These rules also limit the diversity of programming as they all stem from fewer and fewer sources. We will become a homogenized, ignorant, sedated community of clock-punchers instead of a free-thinking, creative, imaginative, healthy community of diverse opinions and cultures; where debate is encouraged and intelligent thought is allowed to thrive. Which path do you think best embraces the tenets of what makes this country great? Here in Los Angeles we already have newspapers that own T.V. stations and cross-pollination is rampant. We are already on the verge of becoming a dead culture thru inbreeding making it easier to consolidate would only make a bad problem worse. I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.